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FOR AMBASSADOR HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR SMITH

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SUBJECT: NON-PROLIFERATION EXPERTS MEETING

1. DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO PARIS, GIRAUD HANDED ME ON PERSONAL BASIS INFORMAL PAPER WHICH APPEARS TO BE DRAFT "PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS" OF NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES CALLED FOR IN COMMUNIQUE OF LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH INFCE. TRANSLATION OF THIS PAPER IS TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT DISTRIBUTION PAPER MAY HAVE RECEIVED WITHIN FRENCH GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER I WOULD LIKE TO

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CONVEY FOLLOWING COMMENTS RELATED TO IT TO THE APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE SECOND EXPERT'S MEETING WHICH FRENCH HAVE PROPOSED FOR LATE JULY. I LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHO WITHIN GOF SHOULD RECEIVE OUR COMMENTS.

2. U.S. CONSIDERS THAT THE SECOND AND THIRD SECTIONS OF THE "INTRODUCTORY REPORT TO GOVERNMENTS" AS AGREED AT THE

JUNE 7-8 MEETING REMAIN VIABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE REOPENED AT SECOND EXPERTS MEETING. WE BELIEVE THAT GIRAUD PAPER, APPROPRIATELY MODIFIED, COULD STAND SEPARATELY AS "PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS", OR COULD REPLACE HEAVILY BRACKETED FIRST SECTION OF INTRODUCTORY REPORT. THERE IS SOME INTERNAL CROSS REFERENCING WITHIN GIRAUD PAPER TO INTRODUCTORY REPORT WHICH SUGGESTS THAT IT IS INTENDED FOR LATTER PUR-

POSE. WOULD APPRECIATE FRENCH CLARIFICATION OF INTENDED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO DOCUMENTS.

3. US HAS SOME SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH GIRAUD PAPER. IT CONTAINS INACCURATE AND AT TIMES TENDENTIOUS CHARACTERIZATION OF U.S. POLICIES, PREJUDGES NUMBER OF IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO BE EXAMINED IN INFCE, AND IN GENERAL REFLECTS STRONG FRENCH BIAS FAVORING REPROCESSING, RECYCLE, AND PLUTONIUM BREEDER.

4. SEPTTEL PROVIDES SUGGESTED U.S. CHANGES TO GIRAUD DRAFT. IF THESE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO GOF, WE BELIEVE THAT PAPER COULD BE TABLED BY FRANCE AND COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION OF "PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS" AT SECOND EXPERTS MEETING. U.S. WOULD OF COURSE RESERVE RIGHT TO ADVOCATE FURTHER CHANGES IN MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT NEGOTIATING JOINT US/FRENCH DRAFT FOR PRESENTATION AT MEETING IS FEASIBLE WITHIN TIME REMAINING,
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AND WOULD IN ANY EVENT NECESSITATE MORE EXTENSIVE REVISIONS THAN WE ARE NOW SUGGESTING. IF GOF CAN ACCEPT THESE SUGGESTIONS, WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE THAT THEIR REVISED DRAFT BE CIRCULATED TO OTHER CAPITALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION.

5. ALTERNATIVELY, IF GOF PREFERS WE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO PREPARE U.S. DRAFT "PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS" FOR CONSIDERATION AT SECOND EXPERTS MEETING ALONG WITH FRENCH DRAFT. IN THAT EVENT, WE BELIEVE BOTH DRAFTS SHOULD BE CIRCULATED TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING FRENCH REACTIONS TO THESE SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TOGETHER WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON BEST MEANS OF REDUCING DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND FRENCH POSITIONS BEFORE MULTILATERAL MEETING. WE ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF COLLUSION WITH FRENCH IN ADVANCE OF SECOND MEETING ON PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

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